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#### F&W Commission Adopted

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#### 2016 Season Dates

These dates represent the "general" season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

Big Game	
Antelope	
	Aug 15–Nov 13
archery	Sept 3–Oct 7
general	Oct 8–Nov 13
Bighorn Sheep	
archery	Sept 3-Sept 14
general	Sept 15-Nov 27
	Nov 15-Feb 15, 2017
Black bear	
spring	Apr15-Various
	(May 31-June 15) Sept 3–Sept 14
archery	Sept 3–Sept 14
	Sept 15-Nov 27
Deer & Elk	
archery	Sept 3–Oct 16
youth, two-day h	
	Oct 20–Oct 21
general	Oct 22–Nov 27
backcountry –HI	Os 150, 151, 280, 316*
archery	Sept 3-Sept 14
general	Sept 15-Nov 27
	Sept 15-Nov 27
	Sept 15-Nov 27
Mountain Lion	0 10 0 110
	Sept 3–Oct 16
	Oct 22–Nov 27
	Dec 1-Apr 14, 2017
	Feb 1–Apr 14, 2017
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Upland Game Birds	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017
	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017
	Oct 8–Jan 1, 2017
Sage Grouse	
Sharp-tailed	оерг т - оерг оо
•	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017
Turkey	
spring	Anr 9_May 15
fall	Sept 1–Jan 1, 2017
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### What's New? Highlights

- Hunters must purchase a base hunting license, in addition to their conservation license, as prerequisites to apply for or purchase a hunting license.
- Hunters must purchase a General Deer License to apply for a Deer Permit by March 15.
- Antlerless Elk Permits, valid for antlerless elk, will be available in some regions and must be used with a valid General Elk License. These permits do not allow hunters to take a second elk.
- The Fish and Wildlife Commission has approved shoulder seasons in 43 hunting districts. For more information see page 116.
- Starting in 2017 a bow and arrow license will be required to apply for an Archery only permit (Ex. 900-20). Plan ahead and make sure you have taken the appropriate training course this year. See page 106 for specific licensing requirements.
- HD boundary changes New hunting districts include HDs 217 and 451; Boundary changes in HDs 212, 391, 392, and 445, 446, and 455.
- Expanded opportunities for hunters with a Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle (PTHFV) for deer in some Region 1 HDs and elk in some Region 2 and 3 HDs.
- For tips on how to use these regulations see page 111.

#### 2016 Application Deadlines

Big Game
AntelopeJune 1
Bighorn Sheep May 2
Bison May 2
Black Bear (purchase by*)
spring Apr 14*
fall Aug 31*
Deer & Elk
special permitsMar 15
special drawingsJune 1
Moose May 2
Mountain Goat May 2
Mountain Lion (purchase by*)
general licenseAug 31*
special limited entryAug 11*
Super Tags
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison,
Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat
and Mountain Lion June 30
Upland Game, Migratory and Webless
Migratoty Birds
CraneJuly 28
SwanSept 1
Turkey
spring March 3
fallJuly 28 *see species-specific regulations for license
purchase restrictions.

#### Reminders for 2016

- Two-day youth only deer hunting season is October 20 and 21.
- A youth who is currently 11 but will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017 is eligible for some fall hunting opportunities offered to youth ages 12-15 (see pages 110-111).

Youth Hunter:

- An Apprentice Hunter is a resident or nonresident, 10-17 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the youth to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The apprentice hunter may not apply for a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ licenses/all/apprenticeHunter/default.html
- A resident or nonresident youth 12 years of age or older may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017 may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2016 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.
- The deadline to purchase all Super Tag chances is June 30.
- · License Discount Opportunities, see page 110.
- Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules, see page 106.

#### Laws and Regulations

These regulations contain information to safely and legally participate in Montana's Antelope, Deer, and Elk hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt legally and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

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#### **General Regulations**

#### It is illegal to:

- "Party" hunt. Each hunter must shoot and tag his/her own animal.
- · Use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- · Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.
- Interfere/hinder with the lawful taking of a game animal.

#### Antler/Horn/Skull Possession

Individuals may possess, transport, sell, or purchase naturally shed antlers, or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been illegally killed. Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit. It is illegal to possess a bighorn sheep head/horn picked up in the wild.

#### **Check Stations**

All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

#### Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

- CWD has not been detected in free-ranging deer, elk, or moose in Montana.
- As of October 2015 and because of concerns about the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the following states and

provinces have instituted regulations prohibiting the import of certain deer, elk, or moose carcass parts: the states of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Northwest Territories, Ontario, Quebec, and Yukon. For regulations on importing, please contact those state or provinces natural resource agencies.

- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.
- It is unlawful to transport into Montana the whole carcass or certain carcass parts of white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk from states or provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations or on private game farms. Those states and provinces currently include Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, and Saskatchewan.
- Only the following carcass parts may be transported into Montana from the states listed above:
- Meat that is cut and wrapped.
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers", "whistlers" or "ivories".
- Finished head, partial body or whole body mounts already prepared by a taxidermist.
- Keep in mind that "Evidence of Sex Requirements" must always be met when transporting any of these parts into Montana.

#### Furbearer Traps

- It is illegal to disturb traps or trapped animals.
   Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters may not shoot trapped animals.

#### **Glandular Scents**

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals or game birds by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.

 No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

#### **Hunting Hours**

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 119.

#### **Hunter Orange Requirement**

#### Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

#### Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in an archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement, even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

# Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Illegally Taken Animal

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an illegally taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

**> DO NOT** transport the animal until you've received instructions.

#### Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

#### Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

#### Littering

A person convicted of littering while hunting, fishing, trapping or camping may lose his or her license and privileges to hunt, fish, trap, or camp within Montana for a period of one year.

#### Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is legal to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

#### Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV):

- Examples of an OHV include but are not limited to: motorcycles, quadricycles (also known as 4-wheelers), dune buggies, amphibious vehicles, air cushion vehicles, and any other means of land transportation deriving motive power from any source other than muscle or wind.
- In order to operate an OHV on public lands, the OHV must have a valid/current registration and

- display an OHV decal.
- Nonresidents must purchase a temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Use permit from Montana FWP. The permit is \$27 and expires on December 31 of the year issued.
- OHV permits may be purchased from some FWP License Providers, some Vendors (such as a private OHV dealership) or online at <a href="mapp.mt.gov/als">app.mt.gov/als</a>.

#### **Outfitters and Guides**

It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

#### **Party Hunting**

Applying as a party does not allow the transfer of licenses. Each individual in the party must harvest their own game. See page 109 for party application specifics.

#### **Predators and Nongame Hunting**

Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license, or a state school trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- Predators are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- Nongame species are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.
- Furbearers are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid trapping license during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.
- Feral Swine cause extensive damage to domestic and native habitats, wildlife, and livestock throughout much of the United States. To prevent the introduction of feral swine into Montana, the 2015 Legislature has prohibited the transportation, possession, and hunting of feral swine. If you see or know of any feral swine in Montana please contact the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-2976.

#### **Restitution for Illegally Taken Wildlife**

Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of illegally killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. The law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal under Montana law as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000	
Elk	\$8,000	
Antlered Deer	\$8,000	
Moose	\$6,000	
Mountain Goat	\$6,000	
Antelope	\$2,000	
Grizzly Bear*	\$8,000	
*no authorized hunting season		

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the F&W Commission to adopt more specific criteria.
- For the purpose of assessing restitution for illegally taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered "trophy" animals:
- Antelope: With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.
- Elk: Must meet all three criteria:
  - 1) At least six points on one antler, 2) A main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) An inside spread of at least 36 inches.

#### OR

Any elk with at least one six-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.

- Mule Deer: Must meet all three criteria:
- 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

#### OR

Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.

- White-tailed Deer: Must meet all three criteria:
  - 1) At least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) A main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) A greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

#### OR

Any white-tailed deer with at least one fourpoint antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

· A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett (B&C) measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any B&C measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official B&C score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

#### Simulated Wildlife

It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

#### **Transport of Wildlife**

 An individual other than the license holder may transport properly tagged animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" and that were lawfully taken by the license holder. If

- you have specific questions please contact FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452.
- All shippers of fish, game or nongame birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, the skins of fur-bearing animals or predatory animals, or parts thereof are required to label all packages offered for shipment by parcel post or common carrier (airlines or UPS, etc.). The label must be securely attached to the address of the package and shall plainly indicate the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the complete contents of the package. It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an illegally taken game animal across state boundaries.
- It is illegal to ship, possess, or take out of state illegally killed game, game-birds, and/ or furbearers. If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between Montana and Canada or between the United States and any foreign country, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Declaration Form 3-177. Form 3-177 is available at all United States customs ports and on the USFWS website at www.fws.gov. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife Inspector at 406-335-4350.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

#### **Hunter Land Access**

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

#### **Fishing Access Sites**

Many of Montana's fishing access sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/whereToFish/searchFas.html">http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/whereToFish/searchFas.html</a> for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

#### **Montana State Parks**

Some of Montana's state parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at <a href="http://stateparks.mt.gov">http://stateparks.mt.gov</a> for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

#### Off-Road Travel and Game Retrieval

- While hunting on private property, a person may not drive off established roads or trails without landowner permission.
- Off-road travel on public land, including game retrieval, is prohibited unless designated as open.
   Consult appropriate land agency or land map for specifics.
- All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the F&W Commission.

#### **Private Land**

- Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.
- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.
- See page 112 for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

#### Public Land

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
- National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
- National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.

#### Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

#### **State Game Preserves**

State game preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions.

#### State School Trust Lands

- A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible State School Trust Lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on State School Trust Lands overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- · Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be negligently discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

#### State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the big game hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 113 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/

#### **Stream Access**

Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission.

#### **Tribal Land**

Big Game hunting by Non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside FWP" for contact information.

#### **License and Permit Possession**

- Licenses and permits <u>must be carried on your person</u> at all times while in the field hunting.
- A person may not take more than two elk during any license year, only one of which may be antlered MCA 87-2-501 (2) (b).
- Licenses and permits must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

#### **Methods & Means of Hunting**

#### **Firearms**

During the General Season:

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation for the taking of big game animals.
- Muzzleloaders, shotguns, archery equipment, and crossbows are legal.

#### **Archery & Crossbow Equipment**

During the Archery Only Season and in areas limited to archery equipment only (ArchEquip Only):

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
- Lawful Archery Equipment: It is illegal to possess, while hunting big game during any Archery Only Season and in archery equipment only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:
  - **Hunting Bow:** A hunting bow for big game shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.
- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/ or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid. <a href="Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified">Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.</a>
- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent. It is recognized that variations in draw length and/ or draw weight can affect the percent of let-off on compound bows. For these reasons minor variations in let-off are acceptable.
- **Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.
- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.
- The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an ArchEquip Only area or hunting district:
  - Crossbow.
  - Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
  - Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
  - Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow.
  - A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics.

# Procedures to Follow After Harvesting an Animal

#### **License Validation and Tagging**

- A hunter must cut out the proper month and day
  of the kill from the appropriate license and attach
  it to the animal before the carcass is removed
  from the site of the kill, or before the hunter
  leaves the site of the kill.
- The license must be attached to the animal in a secure and clearly visible manner.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
- The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely removed.
   Tearing, slicing or punching the tag is not legal.



 The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed. If quartered, the license should remain with the largest portion of the carcass.

# **Evidence Required of Game Animal's Sex and Species**

- It is illegal to possess or transport the carcass of any big game animal unless evidence of the animal's sex and species remains naturally attached to its carcass or a portion of the carcass.
- Evidence of an animal's sex and species must remain naturally attached until the carcass:
- Is at the final place of storage; or
- Is cut and wrapped in serving size; or
- Is at a commercial meat processing facility; or
- Is at a licensed taxidermist.
- If the head or antlers are removed, evidence of sex in the form of testicles, penis, scrotum, udder or vulva must remain naturally attached. For example, boned out or quartered animals need evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.

#### **Prohibited Methods of Hunting**

#### **Aerial Spotting**

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purpose of locating, spotting or hunting big game, upland birds or other species under the management authority of FWP during commissionestablished hunting seasons is prohibited.

Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of:

- Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or;
- Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne;

#### **Artificial Light**

It is illegal for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light.

#### **Baiting**

- It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

#### Dogs

Montana law states that a person may not use dogs to hunt or chase game animals. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded big game.

#### **Game Calls**

It is illegal to use a recorded or electrically amplified game call to hunt big game.

# Motion-Tracking Devices and/or Camera Devices

It is illegal for a person to possess or use in the field any electronic or camera device whose purpose is to scout the location of game animals or relay the information on a game animal's location or movement during any Commission-adopted hunting season.

#### **Motorized Vehicles**

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- Operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval).
   Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

#### **Night Vision Equipment**

It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game.

#### **Public Roadways**

It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana, as per Montana law).

#### **Two-way Communication**

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture"), or
- avoid game checking stations or FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

#### **Waste of Game**

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food".
- For big game animals (excluding mountain lions) all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

#### **Weapons Restriction Areas**

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:

#### Archery

See legal archery equipment in the "Methods and Means of Hunting" section.

#### Crossbows

Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

#### Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheelock mechanism;
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- · may have no more than two barrels; and
- must only use plain lead projectiles.
- Sabots or other similar power and rangeenhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

#### **Traditional Handguns**

- are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10 1/2 inches;
- chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

#### Shotgun

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzleloaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

#### **Restricted Area Descriptions**

Restricted area descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

**Aunt Molly WMA:** Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting: Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 HQ 406-542-5500, in Missoula.

Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13. T9S. R7E.

Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260: Refer to legal description of deer/elk hunting district 260.

Blasdel WPA: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Map and legal description are available at FWP in Kalispell.

Bowdoin NWR closed hunting of big game: Portions of T31N R31E, T31N R32E, T30N R31E, T30N R32E as posted by refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 654-2863.

BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge: Closed to hunting.

Brinkman Game Preserve: Closed to big game hunting except as noted below. The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW 1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE 1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge-Pines Recreation Area: That portion of the CMR NWR known as the Pines Recreation Area will be closed to all big game hunting, as posted by ACOE regulation.

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMR) in Valley County: Closed to all hunting of big game by ACOE regulation. That portion of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMR) in Valley County lying east of the road leading to the Duck Creek Recreational Area shall be closed to all big game hunting.

Cree Crossing WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Portions of sections 11 and 12 T32N R32E as posted.

Deckard Flats to Trail Creek: Elk Hunting Closure: Subject to closure of elk hunting with 24 hours notice. Those portions of Park County lying within the followingdescribed boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Little Trail Creek northwest of Gardiner, then northeasterly along Little Trail Creek up to its headwaters, then easterly to the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then easterly along said boundary to the North Fork of Bear Creek, then southeasterly along said creek to its confluence with Bear Creek, then northerly along said creek to the confluence of Pine Creek, then easterly along said Creek to the intersection with the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then southerly along said boundary to the boundary with Yellowstone National Park, then westerly along said boundary to the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Reese Creek west of the town of Gardiner, then westerly along the Yellowstone River to its confluence with Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

East Ovando Archery Area: Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting. Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area: Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of sections 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

**Exclusion Zone from Weapons Restrictions of HD** 

388: Those portions of Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Causeway Arm with Hauser Lake and continuing in a southerly direction along the west shore of said lake to Canyon Ferry Dam and Route 284, then westerly and southerly along said route to US Highway 12-287, then westerly along US Highway 12-287 and the junction with Lake Helena Drive, then northerly along Lake Helena Drive to the Causeway, then in a northerly and easterly direction along the south shore of the Causeway Arm to Hauser Lake, the point of beginning.

Flathead Weapons Restriction Area: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Flathead HD 170 Weapons Restriction Area: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said Highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foys Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foys Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of the beginning.

Flathead WPA: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Map and legal description are available at FWP in Kalispell.

Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County: Closed to hunting as posted.

Gallatin Special Management Area: closed to all deer and elk hunting except Elk hunting by special permit only. The Gallatin Special Management Area is a combination of the old Bacon Rind/Lodgepole and Buffalo Horn/Lodgepole Units. Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following boundary description: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS Trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river

to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide to the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

Gardiner: Closed to hunting of all big game. Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along sail ine to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Sevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve: Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County. then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

HD 323 Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land: As posted. Beginning at the junction of Ruby Creek and the Madison River, then southerly along east bank of said river to its intersection with Wall Creek, then westerly along Wall Creek to a posted boundary in the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T10S, R1W, then northerly for approximately 4.5 miles along posted boundary on USFS lands (through Sections 23,14,11, 2, T10S, R1W and Sections 34 and 35 T9S, R1W) to Hyde Creek, then along Hyde Creek to the Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area boundary, then northerly and westerly along the Wildlife Management Area boundary to Ruby Creek, then easterly along Ruby Creek to the Madison River, the point of beginning.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir: Closed to all hunting with the opening of waterfowl season: The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 287 and the south access to Jeffers Loop Road at milepost 47.1, then north along the access road until the junction with Jeffers Loop Road, then easterly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Loop Road South, then northerly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Road, then west along Jeffers Road to its intersection with the entrance to Valley Garden

Fishing Access Site, then westerly along the south boundary of the Valley Garden Fishing Access Site to its junction with the west bank of the Madison River, then southwesterly along the west bank of the Madison River to its intersection with Highway 287, then southeast along Highway 287 until the point of the beginning.

Kuhns WMA: Legal description and map available from FWP-R1 406-752-5501 in Kalispell.

Lake Helena WMA: Closed to all big game hunting except as designated under hunting regulations. Portions of the north half of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 3 West.

Lee Metcalf Refuge: Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area: That portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

Lincoln Closed Area: Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge: Portions open to big game hunting per refuge regulations. Contact the refuge at 406-789-2305 or visit www.fws. gov/refuge/medicine\_lake.

Milk River WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Portions of sections 17, 18, 20 T32N R33E as posted.

Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Crk downstream to Great Falls city limits (this includes Park and Taylor Islands and all other unnamed islands): Restricted to ArchEquip only. The portion of HD 413 along the Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Creek downstream to Great Falls city limits (includes Park, Taylor and all other unnamed islands).

Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area: That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning.

Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W

Prison Ranch Archery Only Area: Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 406-542-5500, in Missoula. The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the

prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34. T7N. R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

A portion of the State Prison Ranch property west of Deer Lodge, as posted, shall be closed: A portion of the State Prison Ranch property west of Deer Lodge, as posted, shall be closed.

Rookery WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

Seeley Lake Game Preserve: Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9. T16N. R15W. then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area closed to all hunting per refuge regulation: Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E.

**Smith River WMA Area Map and Rules:** Smith River WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP – R1 HQ 406-752-5501.

Smith Valley Weapons Restriction Area between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. Those portions of Flathead County lying within the following described boundary: From intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road, west on Kila Road to intersection with Smith Lake Road to intersection with Whalebone Drive, then west on Whalebone Drive to the intersection with US Highway 2 West and finally west on US Highway 2 back to the point of beginning at the intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road.

Sourdough Exclusion Zone from within HD 309: Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

Sun River Game Preserve: Closed to all big game hunting. Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the

**Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area** (TSCA), Teton County: A variety of weapons choices offered, depending upon proximity to residences. Area Map/Rules available FWP-R4 406-454-5840 Great Falls: All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

Townsend Weapon Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

Warm Springs WMA: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.

Yellowstone River Islands: Restricted to ArchEquip Only. Yellowstone River islands between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge.

#### **Deer Drawing Statistics**

The statistics on this page are from the 2015 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2016 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the "proposed" quotas as adopted at the February Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points, landowner preference, or the nonresident limit of no more than 10% of the quota of licenses. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers, landowner drawing statistics, 2nd and 3rd choice numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/planahunt/default.html.

Hunters are advised to carefully review the 2016 regulations prior to applying for licenses. Do not rely solely on the LPT codes used in the past. All either-sex permits now end with a number between 20 - 29 while antlerless licenses/permits end between 00 - 09. Brow-tined bull permits end between 45 - 49 while brow-tined bull/antlerless permits and licenses end between 10 - 15. Antlered buck and bull permits end between 50 - 59. For all licenses, the first three digits may identify a Hunting District in which the license is valid but this is not always the case.

Key:

LPT = License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants.

Suc = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

% Suc = Percentage of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

# **Deer Permits – 2015 First Choice Drawing Statistics**

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
109-50	151	10	6.62
130-50	329	10	3.04
202-50	328	150	45.73
204-50	241	241	100.00
210-50	634	50	7.89
212-50	357	357	100.00
213-50	176	176	100.00
214-50	72	72	100.00
215-50	273	273	100.00
240-50	62	25	40.32
240-51	133	133	100.00
250-50	287	40	13.94
261-50	1894	25	1.32
270-50	6361	45	0.71
281-50	154	154	100.00
291-50	1185	30	2.53
291-51	166	30	18.07
292-50	515	515	100.00

I PT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
300-50	899	30	3.34
302-50	178	178	100.00
312-50	977	75	7.68
318-50	237	237	100.00
319-50	226	226	100.00
324-50	796	25	3.14
329-50	86	86	100.00
335-50	442	442	100.00
339-50	290	290	100.00
343-50	396	396	100.00
380-50	1159	1159	100.00
390-50	130	130	100.00
391-50	375	375	100.00
392-50	696	696	100.00
441-50	1137	35	3.08
455-60	1546	30	1.94
510-50	428	428	100.00
530-50	771	500	64.85
630-20	5	5	100.00
652-50	1021	50	4.90

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# Deer B Licenses – 2015 First Choice Drawing Statistics

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
101-00	250	150	60.00
102-00	280	150	53.57
109-00	90	90	100.00
110-00	130	100	76.92
120-00	257	100	38.91
121-00	960	400	41.67
122-00	685	300	43.80
124-00	195	195	100.00
200-00	25	5	20.00
200-01	20	5	25.00
201-00	20 124 32	5	4.03
201-01	32	25	78.12
202-00	57 22 62	5	8.77
202-01	22	5	22.73
203-00	62	5	8.06
204-00	166	100	60.24
204-10	172	50 75	29.07
212-00	257	75	29.18
213-00	182	50	27.47
215-00	232	75	32.33
240-01	316	100	31.65
260-20	537	300	55.87
261-00	65	25	38.46
262-00	301	200	66.45
281-00	250	50	20.00
282-00	3//	25	6.63
283-00	245	50	20.41
285-00	384	50	13.02
290-51	107	50	46.73
292-00	190	75	39.47
293-00	202	50	24.75

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
300-01	155	75	48.39
301-00	54	25	46.30
315-01	192	192	100.00
319-01	230	40	17.39
324-01	38	34	89.47
325-01	96	96	100.00
326-01	17	17	100.00
330-01	81	81	100.00
331-01	80	25	31.25
331-02	501	200	39.92
380-01	688	150	21.80
393-01	242	50	20.66
401-00	375	200	53.33
403-00	45	45	100.00
405-00	351	200	56.98
406-00	153	153	100.00
411-00	292	200	68.49
413-00	533	200	37.52
416-00	67	64	95.52
444-00	225	225	100.00
446-00	66	66	100.00
449-00	33	33	100.00
452-00	8	8	100.00
454-00	31	31	100.00
590-00	503	95	18.89
599-00	1226	1226	100.00
700-02	488	477	97.75
701-02	214	0	0.00
702-02	141	0	0.00
703-02	243	243	100.00
704-02	356	0	0.00
705-02	366	360	98.36

#### **Elk Drawing Statistics**

The statistics on this page are from the 2015 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2016 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the "proposed" quotas as adopted at the February F&W Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points, landowner preference, or the nonresident limit of up to 10% of the quota. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers, landowner drawing statistics, 2nd and 3rd choice numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/planahunt/default.html">http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/planahunt/default.html</a>.

Hunters are advised to carefully review the 2016 regulations prior to applying for licenses. Do not rely solely on the LPT codes used in the past. All either sex permits now end with a number between 20 - 29 while antlerless licenses/permits end between 00 - 09. Brow-tined bull permits end between 45 - 49 while brow-tined bull/antlerless permits and licenses end between 10 – 15. Antlered buck and bull permits end between 50 – 59. For all licenses, the first three digits may identify a Hunting District in which the license is valid but this is not always the case.

Key:

LPT = License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants.

% Suc = Percentage of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

#### Elk Permits -2015 First Choice Drawing Statistics

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
212-45	706	100	14.16
250-45	614	25	4.07
270-45	3095	3095	100.00
282-10	97	1	1.03
283-10	155	5	3.23
310-45	352	352	100.00
310-46	959	5	0.52
313-10	136	30	22.06
313-45	1480	1480	100.00
339-20	1007	60	5.96
380-20	10857	120	1.11
401-20	332	30	9.04

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
410-20	4598	100	2.17
410-21	2663	1900	71.35
411-20	1343	200	14.89
412-20	418	60	14.35
417-20	704	100	14.20
420-20	611	80	13.09
425-20	616	5	0.81
426-20	378	40	10.58
441-20	492	35	7.11
445-20	470	40	8.51
447-20	1163	75	6.45
450-20	42	5	11.90

Permit	Apps	Suc	% Suc
455-20	1038	65	6.26
500-20	215	10	4.65
502-20	121	5	4.13
520-20	376	30	7.98
570-20	308	65	21.10
575-20	161	10	6.21
580-21	76	25	32.89
580-22	168	40	23.81
590-20	980	200	20.41
590-21	203	80	39.41
620-20	892	50	5.61
620-21	1463	1178	80.52

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Apps	Suc	% Suc
1453	50	3.44
1013	30	2.96
668	30	4.49
298	200	67.11
555	10	1.80
228	100	43.86
1074	35	3.26
557	35	6.28
2426	250	10.31
683	456	66.76
2265	175	7.73
2836	2385	84.10
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#### Elk B Licenses -2015 First Choice Drawing Statistics

License	Apps	Suc	% Suc
004-00	1688	1688	100.00
005-00	757	757	100.00
100-00	236	25	10.59
101-00	126	20	15.87
101-01	68	5	7.35
101-02	112	20	17.86
103-00	539	25	4.64
104-00	256	25	9.77
109-00	92	20	21.74
109-02	80	20	25.00
110-00	105	5	4.76
120-00	124	5	4.03
121-00	1140	250	21.93
121-01	23	5	21.74
121-02	55	20	36.36
122-00	411	25	6.08
123-00	167	50	29.94
124-00	125	25	20.00
130-00	134	5	3.73
132-00	35	5	14.29
140-00	87	5	5.75

LPT	Apps	Suc	% Suc
200-00	63	5	7.94
201-00	121	60	49.59
201-01	152	50	32.89
202-00	72	15	20.83
204-00	291	100	34.36
210-00	633	100	15.80
210-01	95	75	78.95
211-00	195	150	76.92
212-00	310	200	64.52
212-01	108	5	4.63
213-00	405	200	49.38
214-00	237	75	31.65
215-00	766	300	39.16
215-01	440	200	45.45
216-00	155	150	96.77
240-00	203	50	24.63
261-00	108	35	32.41
261-01	50	50	100.00
262-01	228	150	65.79
270-00	381	125	32.81
270-01	35	35	100.00
270-02	403	50	12.41
270-03	62	50	80.65
270-04	84	25	29.76
270-05	7	7	100.00
282-00	554	25	4.51
283-02	99	40	40.40
285-01	116	25	21.55
285-02	25	25	100.00
291-00	551	400	72.60
293-00	346	100	28.90
298-00	192	192	100.00

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392-01   646   200   30.96	392-01	646	200	30.96

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410-00	3095	800	25.85
410-01	280	280	100.00
411-00	98	98	100.00
416-00	70	70	100.00
422-00	87	87	100.00
425-00	59	25	42.37
425-01	54	30	55.56
425-02	106	35	33.02
425-03	201	35	17.41
425-04	203	35	17.24
425-05	307	35	11.40
442-00	161	161	100.00
448-00	446	150	33.63
455-00	444	175	39.41
520-00	267	25	9.36
620-00	318	298	93.71
621-00	189	100	52.91
621-01	978	250	25.56
622-00	1156	500	43.25
631-00	464	100	21.55
631-01	71	25	35.21
632-00	201	30	14.93
690-00	31	25	80.65
690-01	470	300	63.83
700-00	1553	700	45.07
798-01	80	80	100.00
799-00	708	200	28.25
900-00	480	480	100.00

#### **Obtain A License Or Permit**

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

#### Online Licensing

- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:15 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., MST, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to <a href="https://app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html">https://app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html</a> and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or debit card.
- Montana residents must have purchased a conservation license through the automated licensing system (ALS) in a previous license year and have an ALS number to buy licenses online.
- Don't wait until the last minute to buy your hunting license online as carcass tags are mailed to you within 10 days of your purchase.
- All online license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn.

# Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

#### Residency

 It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

#### Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
- have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
- register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
- be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
- not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you

- must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
- claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
- is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

#### Nonresident

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana. See "Youth Hunter" chart for details.

#### **Armed Forces**

- A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's dependent who resides in the member's Montana household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing and trapping licenses if:
- the member was a resident of Montana under the provisions listed under residency at the time the member entered the armed forces and continues to meet these residency criteria; or,
- the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

#### **Prerequisites**

#### Base Hunting License

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases or applies for his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

#### **Conservation License**

 Each new license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for licenses/permits. Most licenses can be

- purchased from any FWP License Provider beginning in February. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License or obtaining a Conservation License through a drawing.

#### Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules

- The game damage hunt roster is a randomized list of hunters' names. If FWP identifies a need to implement a game damage hunt, the game damage hunt roster will be used to select hunters. Selected hunters will be contacted by FWP.
- Sign up for the game damage hunt roster is from June 15–July 15, 2016, and only on the FWP website.

#### 12-hour Closure

- In Administrative Region 4, elk HD 424 and HD 442 may be subject to a 12-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general brow-tined bull or antlerless elk season,
- If the elk quota is reached, the general season will revert to only the brow-tined bull regulation until the end of the general season.
- Contact Region 4 Headquarters or the Augusta Check Station for updates (406-562-3467).

#### **Hunter Education**

#### **Hunter Education Requirements**

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

# Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana bow and arrow license, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you previously held such a license. The affidavit is available at all FWP License Providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's Montana bow and arrow license.

#### **Duplicate Certificates**

Bowhunter or Hunter Education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at:

http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter.

#### **License and Permit Types**

#### **Bow and Arrow License**

A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during: (1) the deer, elk and/or antelope Archery Only Season; or (2) to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.

#### **Conservation License**

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. It includes the state lands recreation license which is required for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes on State School Trust Lands.

#### **Deer License**

#### General Deer License

- The general deer license is Montana's license valid for one deer. Hunters may hold only one general deer license. It can be used for deer as indicated under the "General Deer License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.
- Residents may purchase only one deer and/or one elk general license each year. Licenses may be purchased from license providers or online licensing beginning mid February. Each license year, a new Conservation License is required in order to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for any license or permit.
- Resident hunters may purchase a general Deer license over the counter at FWP offices and other license providers. Residents may also buy a sportsman's license, which includes a general deer license. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Nonresidents cannot buy their general deer license over the counter. They must obtain what's known as a "deer combination" license, which includes a general deer license as well as several other licenses. Montana makes 4,600 general drawing and 2,000 landowner sponsored licenses available each year. Demand is greater than supply, so to get a deer combination license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 15 for either a:
- Big game (deer and elk) combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, or a
- Deer combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting.
- You can apply for only one of these licenses each year.

#### Deer B License

- Valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a drawing or over-the-counter.
- A deer B license is usually a license for antlerless mule deer or white-tailed deer, depending on the license type and hunting district.
- The deer B license allows you to kill a deer in addition to the deer you could harvest with your general deer license.
- There is no particular order in which the general deer and deer B licenses must be purchased or used.

- Most deer B licenses are available through the June 1 drawing but some are available for purchase at License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- A hunter may possess a total of seven deer B licenses in any combination.

# <u>Single-Region Deer B Licenses for White-tailed Deer</u>

- A hunter may purchase only one single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer per year.
- The single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer is in addition to other deer B licenses a person may obtain through a drawing or purchase at License Providers. You must designate the region in which you will use the single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer at the time of purchase. Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.
- Licenses are available beginning August 8 from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.
- Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.
- The following Single-Region White-tailed Deer B License opportunities for residents and/or nonresidents are offered for the 2016 hunting season

# Single-Region Resident/Nonresident White-tailed Deer B Licenses

	Helena WMA
R3	Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake

R 6 006-00

R7 **007-00**. All Region 7 HDs.

# Single-Region Resident Only Whitetailed Deer B Licenses

R 7 007-01. 2nd WT B License. All Region 7 HDs.

#### **Deer Permit**

- Permits are valid for hunting the specified sexage class during the time period(s) listed.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit must use it with a current general deer license. A deer permit does not allow you to take a second deer.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit valid for taking an antlered buck mule deer (with their general deer license) are restricted to taking an antlered buck mule deer only in the district or portion of district specified on the permit. They may not hunt antlered buck mule deer anywhere else in Montana even if the General Season or Archery Only Season is open to mule deer buck hunting

- with a general deer license. This applies to all deer permit areas, whether limited or unlimited, for antlered buck mule deer.
- Deer permits are available through the March 15 drawing to Residents and Nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- The following White-tailed and Mule Deer Permit opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season.

Dee	er Permits Resident/Nonresident
R1	109-50, 130-50
R2	202-50, 204-50, 210-50, 212-50, 213-50, 214-50, 215-50, 217-50, 240-50, 240-51, 250-50, 261-50, 270-50, 281-50, 291-50, 291-51, 292-50
R3	300-50, 312-50, 318-50, 319-50, 324-50, 329-50, 335-50, 339-50, 343-50, 380-50, 390-50, 391-50, 392-50
R4	441-50, 455-60 (either sex MD or WT)
R5	510-50, 530-50
R6	630-20 (either sex WT deer, Residents with Disability Conservation License), 652-50

#### Over-the-Counter (OTC) B License

- Certain deer B licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers beginning August 8.
- The following over-the-counter Deer B License opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season. See individual hunting district regulations for specifics.

	OTC Deer B Licenses			
	170-00			
R2	212-20, 260-01, 262-01, 262-02, 290-00			
R3	003-00, 312-00, 317-00, 388-00, 399-00			
R6	006-00			
R7	007-00, 007-01			

#### Elk License

#### General Elk License

A general elk license is the basic license for hunting elk. Montana's general elk-hunting license is valid for one elk. Hunters may hold only one General Elk License. It can be used only according to the specific regulations of the hunting district in which you hunt.

Resident hunters may purchase this license over the counter at FWP offices and other license vendors for \$20 plus the required conservation license (\$8) and base hunter license (\$10). Residents may also buy a sportsman's license (prices vary), which includes a General Elk License. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.

- · Nonresidents cannot buy their general elk license over the counter. They must obtain what's known as an "elk combination" license, which includes a general elk license as well as several other licenses. Montana makes 17,000 of these General Drawing licenses available each year. Demand is greater than supply, so to get a combination license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by March 15 for either a:
- Big game (deer and elk) combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, or a
- Elk combination license, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting.
- You can apply for only one of these licenses each year.

#### Elk B License

- The elk B license is valid for taking an antlerless elk during a specific time period and in a particular hunting district or group of districts.
- The elk B licenses are designed to control elk numbers and many are only valid on private land.
- · A limited elk B license is obtained only through the drawing and has an application deadline date of June 1.
- Unlimited elk B licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisite for the elk B license is a conservation license and base hunting license. Each hunter may possess only one elk B license

per license year in addition to a General Elk License.

- · Elk B license hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific details.
- In the districts 100, 101, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130, 132 and 140 the following restriction applies: Hunters who receive a B license to hunt antlerless elk during all or any portion of the General Archery and/or Firearm Seasons may not take an antlered elk in the district for which the B license is valid. This restriction applies for the entire season even if the B license is valid for only a portion of the season.
- The following limited and unlimited Elk B License opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season.

	Elk B Licenses	
R1	100-00, 101-00, 101-01, 101-02, 103-0 104-00, 109-00, 109-02, 110-00, 120-0 121-00, 121-01, 121-02, 122-00, 123-0 124-00, 130-00, 132-00, 140-00, 199-00	00, 00,
R2	204-00, 210-03, 210-05, 217-01, 240-0 260-00, 261-00, 261-01, 262-01, 281-0 282-00, 283-02, 285-01, 291-01, 292-0 296-00	00,
R3	311-00, 314-00, 315-01, 317-00, 319-0321-00, 323-00, 329-00, 334-00, 339-0341-00, 343-00, 361-00, 380-00, 380-02, 391-00, 392-00, 395-00, 397-0398-00, 399-01, 399-01	00, 01,
R4	004-00, 410-00, 410-01, 411-00, 422-0 425-00, 425-01, 425-02, 425-03, 425-0 425-05, 442-00, 448-00, 455-00	
R5	005-00, 502-00, 520-00, 520-01, 540-00, 560-00, 570-00, 575-00, 580-00, 590-00	
R6	620-00, 621-00, 621-01, 622-00, 631-0631-01, 632-00, 690-00, 696-00, 690-00	- 1
R7	007-00, 700-00, 798-01, 799-00	

#### Elk Permit

- · Elk permits are allotted by drawing only. The application deadline is March 15. Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit. Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination license before applying for an elk permit. Check individual hunting district for specific details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- · Elk permits must be used with a general license. They do not allow a hunter to harvest an additional elk. A permit allows you to hunt in a restricted area or time period where harvest restrictions exist for General Elk License holders.
- · Elk permits may be for antlered or antlerless elk. In most instances, holding an antlerless elk permit prohibits harvesting an antlered elk in the same hunting district. Permit holders are not restricted to hunting elk in another hunting district, provided they still hold a valid General Elk License.
- · Learn about the hunting district you wish to hunt before applying for a permit. For instance, do not apply for a backcountry area if you aren't willing and prepared to backpack in. And do not apply in hunting districts that are mostly private land if you aren't certain you can get permission.
- In all or a portion of many hunting districts, a hunter is required to have successfully drawn a special permit before hunting a bull elk, browtined bull elk, or antlerless elk in all or a portion of the hunting seasons. See individual hunting districts for specific regulations.
- · The following limited and unlimited Bull Elk Permit opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season.

	Bull Elk Permits
R2	217-10, 217-11, 250-45, 270-45, 283-10
R3	310-45, 310-46, 313-45, 339-20, 340-10, 380-20
R4	401-20, 410-20, 410-21, 411-20, 412-20, 417-20, 420-20, 425-20, 426-20, 441-20, 445-20, 447-20, 450-20, 455-20, 900-20
R5	411-20, 500-20, 502-20, 520-20, 570-20, 575-20, 580-21, 580-22, 590-20, 590-21, 900-20
R6	620-20, 620-21, 621-20, 622-20, 631-20, 631-21, 632-20, 632-21, 690-20, 690-21
R7	590-20, 798-20, 798-21, 799-20, 900-20

 The following Antlerless Elk Permit opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season.

	Antlerless Elk Permits
R2	200-00, 201-00, 201-01, 202-00, 210-02, 211-00, 212-00, 212-01, 213-00, 214-00, 216-00, 270-00, 270-01, 270-02, 270-03, 270-04, 270-05, 281-01, 291-02, 293-00, 394-00
R3	313-00, 313-01, 394-00
R6	697-00, 698-00

#### Over-the-Counter (OTC) B License

- · Certain elk B licenses with unlimited quotas are available for purchase over-the-counter from License Providers beginning August 8.
- The following over-the-counter Elk B License opportunities are offered for the 2016 hunting season. See individual hunting district regulations for specifics.

	OTC Elk B Licenses		
R2	283-03, 290-00, 299-00		
R3	397-00		

#### **Replacements**

Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses or permits may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A person may not replace a license requiring a carcass tag a third time for the same species within a two-year period. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.

#### It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a duplicate.
- Possess an original as well as a duplicate license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another

#### **SuperTag Lottery**

Open to residents and nonresidents.

Species	Deadline to Purchase SuperTag Chances (\$5 each)
Antelope	
Bighorn Sheep	
Bison	
Deer	June 30
Elk	Julie 30
Moose	
Mountain Goat	
Mountain Lion	

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licensing at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a>.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at http://fwp.mt.gov.

#### **Availability of Licenses & Permits**

Purchase your fishing license, hunting licenses(s) and apply for drawings online

https://app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html

#### **Deadlines and Cost**

- A complete list of licenses, cost and deadlines for drawing applications is available on pages 114-115 in the Licenses & Permits Availability Chart.
- Applications, as well as some general licenses, and many licenses and permits awarded through a drawing, have a purchase or application deadline.
- Applications are available at FWP License Providers or may be downloaded from the FWP website. Nonresidents may call 406-444-2950 to request an application through the mail.
- You may have your application entered directly into the system at an FWP office or you may mail in your application. If the application is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. The postmark must be an official U.S. Postal Service mark. A postage meter postmark will not be accepted.
- FWP encourages hunters to apply online for permits/licenses awarded through a drawing as safeguards will not accept incomplete applications. Also, your information is retained for future purchases or license applications.

#### **Drawing Applications**

- Drawing applications are available from FWP's website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> and from License Providers.
- Applications for deer and elk permits must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before March 15. Applications for deer B, elk B, antelope and/or antelope B licenses must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before June 1. Hunters may apply online no later than March 15 for deer and elk permits or June 1 for deer B, elk B, antelope and antelope B licenses.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission which may differ from the quotas listed in the printed hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities please refer to the hunting district regulations where you will find a complete list of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

#### **Party Applications**

- Applicants may apply as a "party." If you apply as a party, each party member must list the identical license/permit choices in the identical order on his/her application. If one or more party member does not pay the bonus point fee, but the other members pay the fee, those who have not paid the fee will be taken out of the party. It is unlawful to loan or transfer a license to another or to use a license issued to another.
- Either everyone in the party is successful in obtaining a license or everyone is unsuccessful.
   A party of individuals is assigned one random number in the computer. If that number is drawn, each member of the party receives a permit/ license.
- The success rate for applying as a party versus as an individual is about the same. However, if a resident applies with a nonresident in a party, the whole party is considered "nonresident" because of the 10 percent quota limit on nonresident licenses and/or permits.
- The maximum number of applicants in a party is 5 members.

# Licenses and Permits Through A Drawing

- You may apply for a permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before appliting for a deer permit.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game Elk/Deer or Big Game Elk Combination License before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License are reminded that

- the license (including deer B licenses) entitles them to hunt deer only on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner. This license may not be used on leased or public land. However, the license is valid statewide for fishing and hunting upland game birds.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License may apply for a deer permit or deer B license only in the hunting district where they are authorized to hunt deer.

#### **Bonus & Preference Point System**

Bonus Points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically "squared" prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 "base" bonus points those will be "squared" and you'll then have 9 bonus points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the Bonus Point program (to use or gain points), make sure to check "YES" on the Bonus Point question and include the \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) Bonus Point fee for each license/permit drawing applied for.
- If you're unsuccessful, you'll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year's drawing.
- An applicant may skip two consecutive years of participation without forfeiting accumulated points, but if an applicant misses the third year, all accumulated points for that license/permit type are lost.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for a party are the average of their individual base bonus points added together and rounded to the nearest whole number.

#### **Landowner Preference**

- Montana landowners (resident and nonresident) may qualify for preference in the license/permit drawings for deer, elk, and antelope.
- In order to claim landowner preference for deer B, deer permit, and/or antelope drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 160 acres of land within the hunting district applied for. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, the landowner must own land within that portion and the land must be used primarily for agricultural purposes.
- In order to claim landowner preference for the elk B license and/or elk permit drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 contiguous acres of land within a district regularly used by elk for one or more seasonal activities. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, a landowner must own land within that portion to claim preference.
- A landowner may designate his/her preference to a member of his/her immediate family (blood

- or marriage related) or a ranch manager (paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay). Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.
- Nonresidents owning land in Montana should contact FWP Headquarters in Helena at 406-444-2950 for details on how to apply for landowner preference. See the Licenses Available Chart for prerequisite license requirements and deadlines to apply.

#### **Drawing Results**

License	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Nonresident Combination	Mid-April	End of April
Deer & Elk Permits	Mid-April	End of April
SuperTags for: Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Lion	After July 11	NA
Antelope, Deer, Elk Licenses	Mid-July	End of August

Check for drawing results at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/myfwpApps/myfwp\_input.action">http://fwp.mt.gov/myfwpApps/myfwp\_input.action</a>

#### **Fees and Refunds**

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident (in full or in part) fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- · Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/16	100%
Death of family member	12/31/16	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/16	90%

#### Call Licensing at 406-444-2950

- If you do not receive your license or refund within 2-3 weeks of time from refund dates. Note: the license fee is refunded if an applicant is unsuccessful in the drawings, unless there is a valid obligation owed to the State of Montana or if the refund is less than \$5.
- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus licenses (any left over licenses or permits from the drawings) information and applications (available by early August).

#### **License Discount Opportunities**

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after September 11, 2001 in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free conservation license OR a sportsman without bear license for a fee of \$10. These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation is required.
- To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you returned from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau Chief for details at 406-444-2663.
- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for \$57.50.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$505.50 beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> and will be processed at any FWP office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Nonresident children of residents may be entitled to reduced rate licenses for up to six years from the date they received their diploma or GED. To qualify the child must have: 1) been born and raised in Montana; 2)attended and completed high school or attained a GED in Montana; and 3) the parent(s) still reside in Montana. Licenses will be issued at FWP offices with verification of Birth Certificate, Montana high school diploma or GED, and proof that natural or adoptive parent is still a current Montana resident. Any nonresident youth hunting with this license must be accompanied by a licensed resident family member while hunting in the field.
- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or Nonresident full time students in another state who graduated from a MT High School and their parent is a MT resident are now eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The nonresident college student big game combination license will cost \$505.50 and includes Conservation, base hunting license, fishing, upland bird, deer and elk.
- Application for the nonresident college student big game combination license may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or Department Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of

paid tuition as current full-time enrollment at a post secondary education institution in Montana. Payment of the \$15 Base Hunting License fee is also required. Proof of completing a hunter education course is also needed.

#### **Youth Opportunities**

#### **Youth Elk Hunts**

 Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.

F	Resident and Nonresident Youth Opportunities								
	with a General License								
R2	201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 240, 261, 262, 270, 280, 281, 283, 291, 292, 293								
R3	300, 301, 302, 310, 311, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 339, 340, 341, 343, 360, 361, 362, 380, 392								
R5	560								

#### Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

- Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below.
- To qualify, the applicant must:
- be 12 (by Jan 16, 2017) -15 years of age at time of application.
- show proof of successfully completing hunter education.
- be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 22, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

# Youth Resident/Nonresident Elk Permits R2 | 282-10, 217-11 R3 | 313-10

	Elk B Licenses									
R2	270-01, 270-03, 270-05									
R4	490-50									
R6	621-00, 631-01, 690-00									

# Youth Hunter Age Opportunities and Special Requirements Available To Resident & Nonresident An Apprentice Hunter is a resident or nonresident, 10-17 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The apprentice of the provided of the provided

An **Apprentice Hunter** is a resident or nonresident, 10-17 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the youth to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The apprentice hunter may not apply for or purchase a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at: http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/all/apprenticeHunter/default.html.

A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2017, may:

- Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase.
- Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.
- · After August 15, 2016, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.
- In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child; or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.

Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt -

- The F&W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting.
- Legally licensed hunters 10 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season -October 20-21.
- During these two days, youth hunters with a general deer or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on their general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting.
- A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field.
- Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.

#### **Available To Nonresident Only**

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Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$505.50 beginning Feb 16 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate-family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older and possesses a current resident or nonresident general deer or elk license). The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP Office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.



Share your passion for hunting by becoming a Montana hunter or bowhunter education instructor. It's a great way to give back and be part of the community of volunteer instructors.

Contact your nearest FWP office for more information on how to become an instructor or contact program coordinator Wayde Cooperider at (406) 444-9947 or wacooperider@mt.gov



Be safe and enjoy your hunting season!

#### How to use these Regulations

- 1. Identify the species you want to hunt.
- Identify the district where you want to hunt (deer and elk map on pages 21-29, antelope map on pages 89-93)
- 3. Find that hunting district (deer and elk district regulations on pages 32-72, antelope district regulations on pages 95-101).
- 4. Read the regulations for the selected district to determine what species, when and where (if there are any restrictions withtin the hunting district) you may hunt in that district.
- 5. Check the legal description and any Restricted Area Descriptions (pages 16-17) for the district. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

#### **Hunters with a Disability**

- Certification for "special considerations" are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office. See addresses and phone numbers on page 113.

# Resident With a Disability Conservation License

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, who purchase a conservation license, may purchase a fishing license for half price. If they also purchase a base hunting license for \$10, they may then purchase general deer, general elk and/or upland game bird (excluding turkey) licenses for half price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

#### Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially nonambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
- Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.

# Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.

#### **Certain Combat Disabled Veterans**

 A veteran with certain combat—connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP License Bureau for details at 406-444-2663.

# B Licenses and/or Permits for Hunters with a Disability

- Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at FWP offices or FWP website. For more information contact FWP at 406-444-2950.
- Deer
- Deer permit 630-20 (HD 630).
- Applicants must be a Resident, hold a Disability Conservation License and apply on or before March 15.
- Elk:
- Elk B license 121-01 (HD 121).
- Applicants must have a Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle, valid conservation and apply on or before June 1.
- · Antelope:
- Individuals who are permanently, physically disabled and nonambulatory as defined in ARM 12.3.106, may apply for an antelope license. A total of 25 antelope licenses are issued through the June 1 drawing. These licenses are offered in those antelope hunting districts which have a total quota of 50 or more antelope licenses. Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at all FWP offices. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 1.

#### **General Information**

#### **Block Management**

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement. private landowners agree to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. Each FWP region annually publishes a regional Hunting Access Guide by August 15th that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at 406-444-2612.



# Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:
- Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
- Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.
- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent consumption of big game viscera.

# **Donate Hunting License to Disabled Military Service Member or Veteran**

Residents and nonresidents can donate their Montana hunting license to a disabled military veteran or disabled active duty service member who is working with an organization that uses hunting as part of the rehabilitation process. The disabled person who receives the license will be a Purple Heart recipient and have a 70 percent or greater disability rating. Visit the website for more information:

# http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/buyApply/donateLicense.html

#### **Harvest Survey**

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Telephone interviewers call mid-week evenings and weekends to speak to hunters one-on-one to get the most accurate information possible. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

#### **Hunters Against Hunger**

When you purchase a Montana hunting license you'll have an opportunity to make a donation of \$1 or more to Hunters Against Hunger. Contributions help pay for butchering and distribution of processed game donated to food banks.

#### **Marked or Radio-Collared Animals**

It is legal to shoot big game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, however, markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

#### **Tapeworm: Protect your Pets**

Domestic dogs can pick up a parasite (Echinococcus granulosus) by eating carcasses or organs from infected deer, elk or moose. The domestic dog can then pass it to humans in its feces. If your dog does have access to carcasses, talk to your veterinarian about an appropriate deworming strategy.

#### Weed Control and Weed-Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed-free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on state and federal lands. For further information, contact the Department of Agriculture at 406-444-3144.

#### **Contacts**

#### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks State Headquarters

1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 406-444-2535

Harvest Reporting ......1-877-FWP-WILD .....(1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356 Quota Status 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989

Hunter Education......406-444-9948 Wildlife .......406-444-2612 Enforcement .......406-444-2452 Montana State Parks ......406-444-3750 Drawings......406-444-2950 Licenses ......406-444-2535 Hearing Impaired (use Montana Řelay).....7-1-1 or 1-800-253-4091

#### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

#### **REGION 1**

490 N Meridian Rd Kalispell, MT 59901 406-752-5501

#### **REGION 2**

3201 Spurgin Rd Missoula, MT 59804 406-542-5500

#### **REGION 3**

1400 South 19th. Ave Bozeman, MT 59718-5496 406-994-4042

**HELENA Area Resource Office (HARO)** 930 Custer Ave W

Helena, MT 59620 406-495-3260

**BUTTE Area Resource Office (BARO)** 

1820 Meadowlark Ln Butte, MT 59701 406-494-1953

#### **REGION 4**

4600 Giant Springs Rd Great Falls, MT 59405 406-454-5840

#### **LEWISTOWN Area Resource** Office (LARO)

215 W Aztec Dr PO Box 938 Lewistown, MT 59457 406-538-4658

#### **REGION 5**

2300 Lake Elmo Dr Billings, MT 59105 406-247-2940

#### **REGION 6**

1 Airport Rd Glasgow, MT 59230 406-228-3700

#### HAVRE Area Resource Office (HvARO)

2165 Hwy 2 East Havre, MT 59501 406-265-6177

#### **REGION 7**

352 I-94 Business Loop PO Box 1630 Miles City, MT 59301 406-234-0900

#### Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

#### **Montana State Agencies**

Agriculture	406-444-3144
Guides & Outfitters	406-841-2300
Livestock	406-444-7323
State Lands (DNRC).	406-444-2074
Tourism	406-841-2870

#### Federal Agencies

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US Department of	
Interior (USDI)	202-208-3100
USDI Fish & Wildlife	
Service	406-449-5225
USDA Forest Service	406-329-3511
USDI Bureau of Land	
Management	406-896-5000
National Weather Ser	vice
(Missoula)	406-329-4840

#### **Tribal Lands**

Blackfeet Reservation	on406-338-7276
Crow Reservation	406-638-2179
Flathead Reservation	on406-883-2888
	ext 7200
Fort Belknap	406-353-2205
Fort Peck Reservati	on406-768-5305
Northern Cheyenne	
Peservation	406-477-6526

Reservation ......406-477-6526 Rocky Boy Reservation 406-395-4207





2016 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	Nonresident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Base Hunting License	\$10.00	\$15.00		Required prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.
Conservation	\$8.00	\$10.00		Required prerequisite.
Antelope - 900 Archery - Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	
– Disabled – Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Special disabled antelope application fee required. For information call (406) 444-2950.
– Drawing	\$19.00	\$205.00	June 1*	Must have a current conservation license and a base hunting license to apply.
Big Game Combination  – General Drawing		\$1001.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), base hunting & season fishing licenses.
- Youth (12-17)		\$505.50		Sales begin Feb 1. Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) base hunting & season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Bighorn Sheep – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 2*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 Nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing.
Bison – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1250.00	May 2*	There is a \$10 Resident/\$50 Nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing.
Black Bear	\$19.00	\$350.00	Spring - April 14 Fall - August 31	Can purchase after deadline dates, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use license.
Bow and Arrow License	\$10.00	\$10.00		Required during the Archery Only Season for any species or to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.
College Student Combination		\$505.50		Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call (406) 444-2950. License available at any FWP office after September 13.
Combat Disabled/Active Duty Veteran – Antelope	\$7.00	\$100.00		50 licenses - issued thru Helena Licensing only. For information call
– Deer, General	\$8.00	\$125.00		(406) 444-2950.
– Deer B	\$5.00	\$37.50		
Coming Home to Hunt  - Deer Combination		\$308.50	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), base hunting & season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950.
- Big Game Combination		\$510.50	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), base hunting & season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950.
Deer - General (18-61 yrs)	\$16.00			
- General (Disabled, Senior (62+) & Youth (12-17))	\$8.00			
Deer B – Drawing	\$15.00	\$80.00	June 1*	
<ul> <li>Over-the-Counter and Single-Region Antlerless</li> </ul>	\$10.00	\$75.00		Over-the-counter. Valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
Deer Combination  - General Drawing		\$597.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey),
<ul> <li>Landowner Sponsored Drawing</li> </ul>		\$597.00	March 15*	base hunting & season fishing licenses.
Deer Permit – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	March 15*	Application fee only. Permit must be used with general deer license. Residents must have current year general deer license to apply. Nonresidents must also apply for a deer license when applying for a deer permit.
Elk - General (18-61 yrs)	\$20.00			
- General (Disabled, Senior (62+) & Youth (12-17))	\$10.00			
Elk B License - Drawing	\$25.00	\$275.00	June 1*	Antlerless only.
- Over-The-Counter	\$20.00	\$270.00		Over-the-counter. Antlerless only. Valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
Elk Combination – Drawing		\$851.00	March 15*	Includes conservation, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), base hunting & season fishing licenses.
Key: * = Must be	postm <u>arke</u>	ed on or before	deadline date. ** =	= Must be received by 5 pm. MST on deadline date.

2016 LICENSE TYPE	Resident COST	Nonresident COST	DEADLINE	NOTES
Elk Permit – Drawing	\$9.00	\$9.00	March 15*	Residents must have current year general elk license to apply. Nonresidents must also apply for an elk license when applying for an elk permit. A permit must be used with a General Elk License.
Hound Training License	\$5.00			
Nonresident Montana Native  – Bird License		\$55.00		For Montana native born with current Montana resident relative; other qualifications apply. For information call (406) 444-2950. Deer
- NR Deer Combination License		\$303.50		Combo includes Includes conservation, deer, state lands, upland bird
- NR Big Game Combination License		\$505.50		<ul> <li>(excluding turkey), base hunting &amp; season fishing licenses. For information call (406) 444-2950. Big Game Combo includes all of the Deer Combo plus an elk license.</li> </ul>
- Season Fishing License		\$43.00		
Migratory Bird – (12 - 15)		\$25.00		Federal Stamp is not required.
<b>- (16 - 17)</b>	\$3.25	\$25.00		Federal Stamp also required.
<b>– (18+)</b>	\$6.50	\$50.00		Federal Stamp also required.
Moose – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 2*	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing.
Mountain Goat	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 2*	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing.
Mountain Lion  - General License	\$19.00	\$320.00	August 31	Can purchase license after deadline date, but then there is a 5-day wait period to use the license.
- Special License - Limited Entry Drawing	\$19.00	\$320.00	August 11**	Application fee is only \$5.00. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Off-Highway Temporary Use Decal		\$27.00		
Sandhill Crane – Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	July 28**	Cost is the application fee only.
Sportsman  – Military Recognition	\$10.00			Must go through certification process only at FWP offices. Includes conservation, season fishing, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey), deer & elk licenses. \$10.00 fee is for base hunting license.
- with Bear	\$85.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, bear, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses.
- without Bear	\$70.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses.
- without Bear - Senior (62+) & Youth (12- 17)	\$35.00			Includes conservation, deer, elk, state lands, upland bird (excluding turkey) & season fishing licenses.
State Lands Recreational License  – General (18-59)	\$10.00			Required for recreational use on state school trust lands. The State Lands Recreation License is included in the Montana Conservation
– Youth (12-17)	\$5.00			License specifically for the purpose of hunting, fishing, and/or
– Senior (60+)	\$5.00			trapping (HFT). All other recreational use on state school trust lands requires this State Lands Recreation License.
– Family	\$20.00	<b>AF 00</b>	0 14**	
Swan Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Sept 1**	Cost is application fee only.
Turkey License  - Over the Counter	\$6.50	\$115.00		If nonresident has already purchased an Upland Bird License, then turkey licenses are \$57.50 each.
- Drawing	\$5.00	\$5.00	Spring - March 3** Fall - July 28**	There is a \$5 resident or nonresident application fee required with the application. The license cost is paid if successful in the drawing.
Upland Bird - General (18-61)	\$7.50	\$110.00		
- Youth (12-17)	\$3.75	\$55.00		
- Senior (62+) or disabled	\$3.75	\$110.00		Volid for three coloredge days (which are in the Law the Law
– 3 Day		\$50.00		Valid for three calendar days (which are indicted on the license).  Not valid for sage grouse at any time or for ring-necked pheasants during the opening week of the season.
- 3 Day Preserve		\$20.00		Valid only on state-licensed shooting preserves.
Wolf	\$19.00	\$50.00	August 31	Can purchase after the deadline, but then there is a 24-hour wait period to use the license. Limit 5 licenses per hunter.

Key: \* = Must be postmarked on or before deadline date. \*\* = Must be received by 5 pm. MST on deadline date.

#### 2016-2017 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of antelope, deer and/or elk begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use other sources).



ZONE 1: INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

	Aug Sept		t	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise S	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M. F	P.M.	A.M. P	М.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M. F	P.M.	A.M. F	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:17	9:07	6:56	8:14	7:36	7:14	8:19	6:19	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:59	8:00	5:40
02	6:18	9:06	6:58	8:12	7:37	7:12	8:21	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:59	5:41
03	6:19	9:04	6:59	8:10	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:43
04	6:20	9:03	7:00	8:08	7:40	7:09	8:24	6:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:56	5:44
05	6:22	9:01	7:02	8:06	7:41	7:07	8:25	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:55	5:46
06	6:23	9:00	7:03	8:04	7:42	7:05	7:27	5:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04	7:53	5:48
07	6:24	8:58	7:04	8:02	7:44	7:03	7:28	5:11	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05	7:52	5:49
08	6:25	8:57	7:05	8:00	7:45	7:01	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:50	5:51
09	6:27	8:55	7:07	7:59	7:46	6:59	7:31	5:08	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:07	7:49	5:52
10	6:28	8:54	7:08	7:57	7:48	6:57	7:33	5:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09	7:47	5:54
11	6:29	8:52	7:09	7:55	7:49	6:55	7:34	5:06	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10	7:46	5:55
12	6:30	8:50	7:11	7:53	7:51	6:53	7:35	5:04	8:13	4:47	8:18	5:11	7:44	5:57
13	6:32	8:49	7:12	7:51	7:52	6:51	7:37	5:03	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12	7:43	5:58
14	6:33	8:47	7:13	7:49	7:53	6:50	7:38	5:02	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:14	7:41	6:00
15	6:34	8:45	7:14	7:47	7:55	6:48	7:40	5:01	8:15	4:48	8:17	5:15	7:40	6:01
16	6:36	8:44	7:16	7:45	7:56	6:46	7:41	5:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:16	7:38	6:03
17	6:37	8:42	7:17	7:42	7:58	6:44	7:43	4:59	8:16	4:49	8:15	5:18	7:36	6:04
18	6:38	8:40	7:18	7:40	7:59	6:42	7:44	4:58	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:19	7:35	6:06
19	6:40	8:38	7:20	7:38	8:00	6:41	7:46	4:57	8:18	4:49	8:14	5:20	7:33	6:07
20	6:41	8:37	7:21	7:36	8:02	6:39	7:47	4:56	8:18	4:50	8:13	5:22	7:31	6:09
21	6:42	8:35	7:22	7:34	8:03	6:37	7:48	4:55	8:19	4:50	8:12	5:23	7:29	6:10
22	6:43	8:33	7:24	7:32	8:05	6:35	7:50	4:55	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:25	7:28	6:12
23	6:45	8:31	7:25	7:30	8:06	6:34	7:51	4:54	8:19	4:51	8:10	5:26	7:26	6:13
24	6:46	8:29	7:26	7:28	8:08	6:32	7:52	4:53	8:20	4:52	8:09	5:28	7:24	6:15
25	6:47	8:28	7:28	7:26	8:09	6:30	7:54	4:52	8:20	4:53	8:08	5:29	7:22	6:16
26	6:49	8:26	7:29	7:24	8:10	6:29	7:55	4:52	8:20	4:53	8:07	5:31	7:21	6:18
27	6:50	8:24	7:30	7:22	8:12	6:27	7:56	4:51	8:21	4:54	8:06	5:32	7:19	6:19
28	6:51	8:22	7:32	7:20	8:13	6:25	7:58	4:51	8:21	4:55	8:05	5:34	7:17	6:21
29	6:52	8:20	7:33	7:18	8:15	6:24	7:59	4:50	8:21	4:56	8:04	5:35		
30	6:54	8:18	7:34	7:16	8:16	6:22	8:00	4:50	8:21	4:57	8:03	5:37		
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ZONE 2: INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

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ZONE 3: INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

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ZONE 4: INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties

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